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1. On 29 January 1949 Victor M. Fonseca, an ex-Captain in the Guardia Nacional of Nicaragua, stated to source that as soon as the arbitration commission of the Organization of American States had completed its operations in Nicaragua, Somoza would begin his. Fonseca added that he had been approached to take part in a new invasion, which is to occur soon. He refused to identify the person concerned, although he made it clear that it was someone in authority.
2. There have been reports that the Costa Ricans imprisoned in Campode Marte are treated very well and that they come and go from the Campo more or less at will. Source pointed out that the imprisoned Calderonistas, such as Juan Tavio and Juan Vega, have a political prestige only, and that they have no particular military importance. The military heads of the movement, including young men like Claudio Mora Molina and a Captain Starke, are still at liberty. [REDACTED] have seen Col. Rafael Enrique Alvarado, aka Pencho Alvarado, in the cantina La Mana. This cantine, which is near the Campode Marte, is frequented by Guardia soldiers. Alvarado is one of those who is reportedly a prisoner in the Campo. 25X1X
3. According to [REDACTED] the training place of the Managua Guardia reserves was changed during the week of 29 January from the neighborhood of Las Mercedes to a field on the road to Santo Domingo, and subsequently the group disbanded the first week of February. It was felt that activities were being observed. Fifty men continued to train, but in regular Guardia uniforms. Calderonistas reportedly continue to cross the border into Costa Rica. 25X1X
4. Enrique Clare, a Costa Rican cattle dealer and Calderon supporter, traveled from Managua to Balboa, Panama on 5 January and returned to Managua the following day. His mission was allegedly concerned with procuring funds in Panama for the Calderonista forces. Clare left Costa Rica following the Figueres revolution in 1948, and has resided in Managua ever since. He has a son, Enrique Clare Jr., who is reported to be a member of the Calderon forces.

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